

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 93. (Cancelled)

94. (New) A composition for the formation of articles, comprising
a thermoplastic resin; and
a vitreous aluminosilicate uniformly dispersed throughout the composition, the aluminosilicate being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition to improve flow in the formation of the articles.

95. (New) The composition of claim 94, the thermoplastic resin being selected from a group consisting of polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate, acronytril butadiene styrene, polymethyl methacrylate, polyamide or polycarbonate.

96. (New) The composition of claim 94, the vitreous aluminosilicate being in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

97. (New) The composition of claim 94, the vitreous aluminosilicate being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

98. (New) The composition of claim 94 further comprising
a carrier for the vitreous aluminosilicate.

99. (New) The composition of claim 98, the vitreous aluminosilicate being in pellet form with the carrier before dispersion within the composition.

100. (New) The composition of claim 99, the vitreous aluminosilicate being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

101. (New) The composition of claim 94, the vitreous aluminosilicate being naturally occurring.

102. (New) A composition comprising:

a thermoplastic resin; and

a vitreous, naturally occurring formulation:

Silicon Dioxide (SiO_2) -- about 73.0%,

Aluminum Oxide (Al_2O_3) and

other oxides and trace minerals each less than about 5.0%,

the formulation being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition.

103. (New) The composition of claim 102, the vitreous formulation being in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

104. (New) The composition of claim 102, the vitreous formulation being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

105. (New) The composition of claim 102 further comprising a carrier for the vitreous formulation.

106. (New) The composition of claim 105, the carrier and the vitreous formulation being in pellet form before dispersion within the composition.

107. (New) The composition of claim 106, the formulation being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

108. (New) The composition of claim 102, the Silicon Dioxide and the Aluminum Oxide being predominantly vitreous aluminosilicate.

109. (New) An article of manufacture made from a composition comprising a thermoplastic resin; and

a vitreous aluminosilicate uniformly dispersed throughout the composition, the aluminosilicate being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition to improve flow in the formation of the article.

110. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 109 the vitreous aluminosilicate being in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

111. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 109, the vitreous aluminosilicate being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

112. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 109 further comprising a carrier for the vitreous aluminosilicate.

113. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 112, the vitreous aluminosilicate being in pellet form with the carrier before dispersion within the composition.

114. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 113, the vitreous aluminosilicate being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

115. (New) A method for forming articles, comprising
selecting a thermoplastic resin;
dispersing a vitreous aluminosilicate uniformly throughout the selected thermoplastic resin to form a composition, the aluminosilicate being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition; and

forming articles by flowing the composition under elevated temperature and pressure.

116. (New) The method of claim 115, the thermoplastic resin being selected from a group consisting of polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene, polystyrene,

polyethylene terephthalate, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polymethyl methacrylate, polyamide or polycarbonate.

117. (New) The method of claim 115, the vitreous aluminosilicate being in a quantity of greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

118. (New) The method of claim 115, the vitreous aluminosilicate being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

119. (New) The method of claim 115, the vitreous aluminosilicate is dispersed in pellet form with a carrier.

120. (New) The method of claim 119, the aluminosilicate is dispersed in a predominant particle size range below about 75 microns.

121. (New) The method of claim 115, the aluminosilicate dispersed being naturally occurring.

122. (New) A composition for the formation of articles, comprising
a thermoplastic resin; and
a vitreous material comprising silicon dioxide and aluminum oxide uniformly dispersed throughout the composition, the material being in a quantity of less than about 2% by weight of the composition to improve flow in the formation of the articles.

123. (New) The composition of claim 122 wherein the vitreous material is in a quantity greater than about 0.5% by weight of the composition.

124. (New) The composition of claim 122 further comprising
a carrier for the vitreous material.

125. (New) The composition of claim 124, the vitreous material being in pellet form with the carrier before dispersion within the composition.

126. (New) The composition of claim 122, the vitreous material being predominantly in a particle size range below about 75 microns.

127. (New) The composition of claim 122, the vitreous material being naturally occurring.

128. (New) The composition of claim 122, the silicon dioxide and the aluminum oxide being predominantly vitreous aluminosilicate.